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No subject comes before the General Conference, we think, of greater importance than that of Sunday School extension and Sunday School improvement. Under the force of this conviction we therefore prepared the memorial to that body which we print herewith. We know that the General Conference is deeply interested in Sunday School matters, and that our Sunday School interests will have received due consideration and wise direction. Let us address ourselves to carry out with renewed energy the plans that may be adopted. Let us remember that machinery in itself, even the most admirably constructed and adjusted, will prove ineffective without the motive power. The polished and glistening locomotive would stand forever still unless steam be generated and applied. So the propelling motive of love to God and love for souls is the only one that can transmute into energy

the best adaptations of our Sunday School machinery.

We must not lose sight of our individual responsibility, nor forget that it is the units that count. Long ago Nelson expressed in a sentence what is, we believe, the secret of Britain's success, "England expects every man to do his duty." So does our great Over-captain and Lord. Let the pole star of Duty shine before us, and following its gleam and steadfastly guiding our lives thereby, we shall not miss our providential way, nor fail of large achievements for the honor and glory of God and the welfare of man.

Methodist Magazine and Review for September.

Of timely interest in this number are an illustrated character study of Lord Salisbury, by Norman W. Cragg, and an article on Hatfield House, the home of the Cecils for three hundred years, with engravings. Also a study, with portrait, of Mr. Balfour, the new Premier. Other striking illustrated articles are, "Lying in State in Cairo," "Canadian Missions on Queen Charlotte Islands," "Sidney Lanier," by "Pastor Felix,"—a poet's study of a poet—and a clever story of Caristian trial and triumph, with five engravings, by Maude Petitt. Dr. Carman writes on "Important Current Questions," W. Harrison on "The Mileage and Tonnage of the Uriverse," and Mrs. Doane has a bright Canadian story. Coronation Echoes, William Watson's and McLean Watts' Coronation Odes, etc., make up a strong number.

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Already it is found that a dramshop depreciates the value of property for a radius of many blocks. Already it is found that the patron of a saloon is not worth much money in ordinary positions of service, and as for positions of trust, no man who touches liquor need aspire to fill them. Already the great railways have determined not to allow their workmen to drink, nor even to enter a place where liquor is sold. Will that beast of prey continue to swoop down upon our Capadian homes to get food for his offspring until his victims, hopeless of helpfrom church or state, arise in desperation and wreak vengeance upon a common foe?

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